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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 301.130, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the reissuance of license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 301.130, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 301.130, to read as follows:

301.130. 1. The director of revenue, upon receipt of a proper application
2 for registration, required fees and any other information which may be required
3 by law, shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in such manner
4 and form as the director of revenue may prescribe and a set of license plates, or
5 other evidence of registration, as provided by this section. Each set of license
6 plates shall bear the name or abbreviated name of this state, the words
7 "SHOW-ME STATE", the month and year in which the registration shall expire,
8 and an arrangement of numbers or letters, or both, as shall be assigned from year
9 to year by the director of revenue. The plates shall also contain fully reflective
10 material with a common color scheme and design for each type of license plate
11 issued pursuant to this chapter. The plates shall be clearly visible at night, and
12 shall be aesthetically attractive. Special plates for qualified disabled veterans
13 will have the "DISABLED VETERAN" wording on the license plates in preference
14 to the words "SHOW-ME STATE" and special plates for members of the national
15 guard will have the "NATIONAL GUARD" wording in preference to the words
16 "SHOW-ME STATE".

17 2. The arrangement of letters and numbers of license plates shall be

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 uniform throughout each classification of registration. The director may provide
19 for the arrangement of the numbers in groups or otherwise, and for other
20 distinguishing marks on the plates.

21 3. All property-carrying commercial motor vehicles to be registered at a
22 gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds, all passenger-carrying
23 commercial motor vehicles, local transit buses, school buses, trailers, semitrailers,
24 motorcycles, motortricycles, motorscooters and driveaway vehicles shall be
25 registered with the director of revenue as provided for in subsection 3 of section
26 301.030, or with the state highways and transportation commission as otherwise
27 provided in this chapter, but only one license plate shall be issued for each such
28 vehicle except as provided in this subsection. The applicant for registration of
29 any property-carrying commercial motor vehicle may request and be issued two
30 license plates for such vehicle, and if such plates are issued the director of
31 revenue may assess and collect an additional charge from the applicant in an
32 amount not to exceed the fee prescribed for personalized license plates in
33 subsection 1 of section 301.144.

34 4. The plates issued to manufacturers and dealers shall bear the letter
35 "D" preceding the number, and the director may place upon the plates other
36 letters or marks to distinguish commercial motor vehicles and trailers and other
37 types of motor vehicles.

38 5. No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated on any highway of this
39 state unless it shall have displayed thereon the license plate or set of license
40 plates issued by the director of revenue or the state highways and transportation
41 commission and authorized by section 301.140. Each such plate shall be securely
42 fastened to the motor vehicle in a manner so that all parts thereof shall be
43 plainly visible and reasonably clean so that the reflective qualities thereof are not
44 impaired. License plates shall be fastened to all motor vehicles except trucks,
45 tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess of twelve thousand
46 pounds on the front and rear of such vehicles not less than eight nor more than
47 forty-eight inches above the ground, with the letters and numbers thereon right
48 side up. The license plates on trailers, motorcycles, motortricycles and
49 motorscooters shall be displayed on the rear of such vehicles, with the letters and
50 numbers thereon right side up. The license plate on buses, other than school
51 buses, and on trucks, tractors, truck tractors or truck-tractors licensed in excess
52 of twelve thousand pounds shall be displayed on the front of such vehicles not
53 less than eight nor more than forty-eight inches above the ground, with the

54 letters and numbers thereon right side up or if two plates are issued for the
55 vehicle pursuant to subsection 3 of this section, displayed in the same manner on
56 the front and rear of such vehicles. The license plate or plates authorized by
57 section 301.140, when properly attached, shall be prima facie evidence that the
58 required fees have been paid.

59 6. (1) The director of revenue shall issue annually or biennially a tab or
60 set of tabs as provided by law as evidence of the annual payment of registration
61 fees and the current registration of a vehicle in lieu of the set of
62 plates. Beginning January 1, 2010, the director may prescribe any additional
63 information recorded on the tab or tabs to ensure that the tab or tabs positively
64 correlate with the license plate or plates issued by the department of revenue for
65 such vehicle. Such tabs shall be produced in each license bureau office.

66 (2) The vehicle owner to whom a tab or set of tabs is issued shall affix and
67 display such tab or tabs in the designated area of the license plate, no more than
68 one per plate.

69 (3) A tab or set of tabs issued by the director of revenue when attached
70 to a vehicle in the prescribed manner shall be prima facie evidence that the
71 registration fee for such vehicle has been paid.

72 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the director of revenue
73 shall issue plates for a period of at least six years.

74 (5) For those commercial motor vehicles and trailers registered pursuant
75 to section 301.041, the plate issued by the highways and transportation
76 commission shall be a permanent nonexpiring license plate for which no tabs
77 shall be issued. Nothing in this section shall relieve the owner of any vehicle
78 permanently registered pursuant to this section from the obligation to pay the
79 annual registration fee due for the vehicle. The permanent nonexpiring license
80 plate shall be returned to the highways and transportation commission upon the
81 sale or disposal of the vehicle by the owner to whom the permanent nonexpiring
82 license plate is issued, or the plate may be transferred to a replacement
83 commercial motor vehicle when the owner files a supplemental application with
84 the Missouri highways and transportation commission for the registration of such
85 replacement commercial motor vehicle. Upon payment of the annual registration
86 fee, the highways and transportation commission shall issue a certificate of
87 registration or other suitable evidence of payment of the annual fee, and such
88 evidence of payment shall be carried at all times in the vehicle for which it is
89 issued.

90 (6) Upon the sale or disposal of any vehicle permanently registered under
91 this section, or upon the termination of a lease of any such vehicle, the permanent
92 nonexpiring plate issued for such vehicle shall be returned to the highways and
93 transportation commission and shall not be valid for operation of such vehicle, or
94 the plate may be transferred to a replacement vehicle when the owner files a
95 supplemental application with the Missouri highways and transportation
96 commission for the registration of such replacement vehicle. If a vehicle which
97 is permanently registered under this section is sold, wrecked or otherwise
98 disposed of, or the lease terminated, the registrant shall be given credit for any
99 unused portion of the annual registration fee when the vehicle is replaced by the
100 purchase or lease of another vehicle during the registration year.

101 7. The director of revenue and the highways and transportation
102 commission may prescribe rules and regulations for the effective administration
103 of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of
104 this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the
105 provisions of section 536.024, RSMo.

106 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, owners
107 of motor vehicles other than apportioned motor vehicles or commercial motor
108 vehicles licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight may apply
109 for special personalized license plates. Vehicles licensed for eighteen thousand
110 pounds that display special personalized license plates shall be subject to the
111 provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of section 301.030.

112 9. [Commencing] **No later than** January 1, 2009, the director of revenue
113 shall [cause to be reissued] **commence the reissuance of** new license plates
114 of such design as directed by the director consistent with the terms, conditions,
115 and provisions of this section and this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in
116 this section, in addition to all other fees required by law, applicants for
117 registration of vehicles with license plates that expire [between January 1, 2009,
118 and December 31, 2011] **during the period of reissuance**, applicants for
119 registration of trailers or semitrailers with license plates that expire [between
120 January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2011] **during the period of reissuance**,
121 and applicants for registration of vehicles that are to be issued new license plates
122 **during the period of reissuance** shall pay [an additional fee, based on the
123 actual cost of the reissuance, to cover] the cost of [the newly reissued plates]
124 **reissuance** required by this subsection. The additional [fee] **cost** prescribed in
125 this subsection shall not be charged to persons receiving special license plates

126 issued under section 301.073 or 301.443. Historic motor vehicle license plates
127 registered pursuant to section 301.131 and specialized license plates are exempt
128 from the provisions of this subsection.

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